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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition, & I strongly oppose the USTelecom petition to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. They claim that "In the residential marketplace, competition will not be materially affected by forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) because there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in that marketplace." That is a lie.

I love my ISP, Sonic, and it is competing very effectively with the largest carriers. But my original Sonic DSL was dependent on unbundled AT&T copper, and my current Sonic Gigabit Fiber is dependent on UNEs. I definitely would be "materially affected" if my ISP of choice is denied access to these services, and Sonic's ability to compete would be severely damaged. I also do not want AT&T to have the freedom to force increases in the costs of my internet and telephone services, which are very competitive now.

Please reject this USTelecom petition. It would be a huge step backwards for competition and for consumers.

Thank you.

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